

## The Press and Banner

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### TAINTED MONEY.

There is a great deal of latter day talk about tainted money. Scarcely a month ago the Southern Methodist Church, in general conference with drew from support and control of Vanderbilt University, because the courts held that the trustees of the college had no legal right to refuse a bequest by one of the Vanderbilt family. The Church, in Conference, further determined to found another denominational college to take the place of Vanderbilt University.

Now, the membership of the Methodist church is no better and no worse than the membership of any other church; and assuming what may be an unjust assumption, that the Vanderbilt money was not all gotten in the straight and narrow way, who is to judge of the quality of the money that the church will raise by subscription to found the new college? Is there a difference between a small gift of ill-gotten gain, and a large gift of ill-gotten gain? In soliciting for this new institution is it likely that only the elect will be called on for contributions? If church contributions, in any church, are held down to those who have never oppressed the poor, those who have never taken all the profit obtainable in a trade, church extension and church work would soon languish for lack of funds.

Again, within the past fortnight, the United States eliminated a provision in the Agricultural bill which allowed the use of funds given by Mr. Rockefeller, to be used through government agents to eradicate the boll weevil.

If Mr. Rockefeller has made his millions honestly, as his defenders say he has, by applying improved methods in extracting and transporting oil; and it is certain that despite the increased consumption of oil and its by-products, kerosene is selling cheaper than when Mr. Rockefeller was an unknown factor; then his gift is a real charity, sane and praise worthy.

If, considering Mr. Rockefeller's improved methods of handling oil, he has charged too much for his products, then the rural resident has contributed too much to Mr. Rockefeller's wealth and he is entitled to reparation. In giving the farmer the means to fight the boll weevil, a pest that is a menace to the entire South, Mr. Rockefeller is only returning the farmer's money to him, in such a way as to make it many times more valuable than what he has lost. The farmer, then, is receiving his own. Why not receive it and use it to the best advantage?

It seems that the proper test for the acceptance or rejection of a donation would be the purpose for which it is offered.

If, as in the case of Carnegie libraries in the South, a donation is made that is at variance with the ideals of those to whom the gift is offered; this would be sufficient reason for rejecting the donation. For instance, it is against Southern policy and contrary to Southern ideals to have the white and colored races associate on equal terms. For this reason, a donation from Mr. Carnegie to establish a library in any Southern State, with the usual provision that it shall be open alike to all races, could not reasonably be accepted. The idea is repugnant to Southern ideals and subversive of a policy that obtains all over the South. But if Mr. Carnegie sees fit to establish a library in any Southern town, without offensive conditions, there could be no reasonable ground for refusing it. It may be that he has made his millions by trust methods, but who has it hurt? The railroads, a bigger and a more grinding trust have been his main customers. And who is there, even in this small city, that would not combine his business with other similar concerns, if by so doing he could double his profits?

We would not set up a defense for trust and monopoly. They should be held strictly to legitimate business. But if they have grown abnormally wealthy, the fault is with the law that has permitted unjust combinations. This evil, Congress is very properly taking in hand and will undoubtedly remedy. In the meantime if any of monopoly's pets want to restore to the people their ill-gotten gains, in the name of common sense let them do it.

It is a safe proposition to consider all money clean that we get in a clean way. To trace any dollar too far may be to trace it from the slums and dives of human degradation.

### A RIGHTEOUS SUIT.

Certain stockholders of the New Haven Railroad are bringing suit against the estate of J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller and others implicated in the ruin of that road, for one hundred and twenty-five million dollars.

It is pretty clear that this road was deliberately looted by the Morgan interests, or more specifically, by Morgan himself, and a more cold-

blooded piece of legalized robbery was never committed.

The plaintiffs in this action will have the moral backing of all right-thinking people, and it is earnestly hoped that all the gaps were not put up and that these plaintiffs may make entrance and obtain the damages sought.

This is entirely a new proceeding, heretofore unheard of in the courts of this country, but it is unquestionably along the right line.

That such a suit will even be entertained by the courts now, shows what changes have been going on in the public mind, as to the limits of corporate privilege. Ten years ago, neither the courts nor the government would have dared to ask for a look in on Mr. Morgan's business affairs; and yet, now that Congress has forced the Morgan interests to show their hand, it is plain that the people have been systematically robbed by big business while the government slept. The question is: Is Morgan the type of his kind? And should not the government attempt to still other shady transactions of Wall Street?

Stock of New Haven road was held largely by poor people, widows and orphans. It was considered the best railroad stock in the New York market, and poor people knowing of its long standing high value had invested their savings in it. Morgan and his associates gobbled up a controlling interest in the stock and then proceeded to pay out the surplus millions on doubtful stocks of other roads, with such a lavish hand as to make it almost certain that much of the surplus found its way back to the pockets of the looting stockholders.

If any of the parties to this steal are still alive they should not only be fined the limit, but should be sent to the penitentiary without alternative.

## FAITHFUL SERVICE MERITS REWARD

### Should the People Dismiss Tried and Efficient Officers?

Great corporations which have tried, faithful and efficient employees do not dismiss them for experiment on new and inexperienced applicants. In like manner, the people should consider their own interests while being just to those who may be in their employ in public office. In some of the offices, experience is necessary for the most efficient service, and every citizen should look well to the public interest. And all men should regard and reward the individual interests of those who have served them efficiently and the faithful should not be forgotten. Being elected to office, they of course gave up other employment and having made acceptable public servants they should not be thoughtlessly required to give up their jobs. Faithful service should be rewarded by a continuation in office. Such officers as have been faithful should not be turned out after having qualified themselves for service. No great business enterprise would be so unjust to its employees.

In political matters where the service is little and the pay is small, a different rule should apply. In politics questions of morals and public policy should govern. The men whose principles more nearly conform to the wishes and sentiment of the people should receive our votes. By so casting our votes the rights of all are respected, and nobody is deprived of occupation in earning a support for himself and family.

Respectfully,  
Hugh Wilson.

### SECRETARIES OF THE CLUBS.

With Whom You Can Enroll in Order To Vote in the Democratic Primary.

The following are the names of the Secretaries, and Enrollment committees, so far as received, of the Democratic clubs of Abbeville county. The Secretary is named first in each instance.

Abbeville No. 1.—T. G. Perrin, T. P. Thomson, R. S. Owens. Book of enrollment at T. G. Perrin's office in the City Hall.

Abbeville No. 2.—A. F. Calvert, J. E. Jones. Enrollment book at office of J. E. Jones.

McCormick.—J. E. McCracken, T. J. Price, F. C. Robinson.

Bordeaux.—W. M. McIntosh. Young's School House.—J. W. Long. Willington.—W. B. Morrah.

Mt. Carmel.—E. A. Mars. Calhoun Falls.—Joseph Hicks, H. H. Heister, H. W. Lawson.

Lowndesville.—R. H. Moseley, E. C. Harper, S. S. Boels.

Antreville.—J. A. Anderson, H. J. Power, R. A. Keaton.

Level Land.—A. F. Carville. Rock Spring.—M. J. Ashley.

Donalds.—R. L. Barmore. Due West.—A. R. Ellis.

Central.—J. A. Wilson, W. E. Morrison. Book at residence of J. A. Wilson.

Lebanon.—J. B. Gilbert, A. L. Bass, J. S. Gilbert. Book at residence of J. S. Gilbert.

Clatworthy's Cross Roads.—John Brown.

Hillsville.—Brown Bowie, J. D. Bowie.

Means Chapel.—H. N. Cochran, B. F. Price, Sam Reid.

where they live in the country. The books will be opened June 9th and close on the last Tuesday in July.

W. N. Graydon, Chairman.

### NEW CLUB DISTRICTS.

Giving Boundaries of the Various Clubs in the County As Arranged By Committee.

The following boundaries of the Club Districts have been prescribed by the County Executive committee. Each voter must enroll in the club in his District only. Names of the Secretaries are published elsewhere in this issue.

Keowee Club District.—Shall be composed of all that part of Due West township lying East of the line of Hampton Club District to Hogskin creek, thence up said creek to Ball's road, Voting precinct Ashley Bros. store.

Level Land Club District.—Shall be composed of all territory in Due West township west of Little River and so much of Diamond Hill township as lies east of Johnson's creek. Voting precinct Bryant's Cross Roads.

Antreville Club District.—Shall include all of Diamond Hill township except that lies east of Johnson's creek. Voting precinct S. J. Wake-vote. No honest man who opposes field's store.

Lowndesville Club District.—Shall be composed of all of Lowndesville township. Voting precinct in old Lowndesville.

Means Chapel Club District.—Shall be bounded as follows: Beginning where Reid's creek crosses Long Cane township line thence down said creek to Calhoun's creek, thence down said creek to Hamlin's bridge road, thence up said road to Hamlin's bridge, thence up Little River to Diamond Hill township. Voting precinct Edgewood school house.

Clatworthy Club District.—Shall include all of Cedar Springs township not included in the Lebanon club district and not included in that part of the township north of the road leading from Gray's spring to Cedar Springs church and shall also include so much of Calhoun Mills township as lies east of school district line No. 15 and north of township line between Calhoun Mill and Bordeaux township.

Abbeville Club District.—Shall be composed of all the territory of Smithville township in Abbeville county and so much of Cedar Springs township as lies north of the road leading from Gray's spring to Cedar Springs church and so much of Long Cane township as lies south of public road leading from Abbeville to W. O. Cromer's and all of Abbeville township except so much thereof as is embraced in Means Chapel club district. There shall be three clubs in Abbeville club district known as Cotton Hill, and Clubs No. 1 and No. 2. (Voting precincts given later.)

Hillsville Club District.—Shall be composed of all that territory in Long Cane township east of the road leading from Abbeville to Due West and north of the Gilgal road leading to the Greenwood county line. Voting precinct Arborville school house.

Cold Spring Club District.—Shall be composed of the balance of Long Cane township west of the Abbeville and Due West road. Voting precinct Cold Springs school house.

Due West Club District.—Shall be composed of all of Due West township except what is embraced in Level Land, Keowee and Hampton Club Districts. Voting precinct Due West.

Bordeaux Club District.—Shall be composed of the territory in Bordeaux township bounded as follows: commencing at Fortner's Ferry on Savannah river, thence running in an easterly direction to William Harmons place, thence in a straight line to Little River, thence up Little River and Long Cane creek to McKittick Mill bridge, thence along public road to Lethe, thence up Barksdale's Ferry road to J. S. Britt's, thence west along township line to Savannah river, thence down said river to beginning point. Voting precinct, Bordeaux.

Central Club District.—In Long Cane township shall be composed of all the territory north of the road leading from Abbeville to W. O. Cromer's thence down the township line of Smithville township to the Greenwood county line, thence up said line to Donless' mill, thence up the Due West road to the brick house, thence down the Gilgal road to Buckstand, thence down the Due West road to Long Cane cemetery, from thence in a straight line to Long Cane township line. Voting precinct, Central School House.

Indian Hill Club District.—Shall be composed of all of Indian Hill township except so much as is cut off in McCormick Club District. Voting precinct, Young's School House.

Magnolia Club District.—Shall be composed of all of Magnolia township except so much as lies east of Little River. Voting precinct, Calhoun Falls.

McCormick Club District.—Shall be composed of territory, balance of Bordeaux township not in the Bordeaux Club District, and so much of Indian Hill township as lies south of a line, from Geo. Slight's place, in a northwestern direction to a point on the east line of Bordeaux township, north of J. H. Gray's. Voting precinct, McCormick.

Mount Carmel Club District.—All of Calhoun Mills township north of the south line of school district Nos. 10 and 17 be known as.

Willington Club District.—All of Calhoun Mills township south of school districts lines Nos. 10 and 17.

Rock Spring Club District.—Shall be composed of all that territory in Don-

alds township embraced in Broad-

month school districts and also all of Rock Spring school district east of Ball's road, which is a small portion of Due West township. Voting precinct at Rock Spring school house.

Hampton Club District.—Shall be composed of all that territory in Due West township, west of the road leading from the Anderson county line to Robinson's bridge, and bounded on the West by Little River, thence from point on bridge in a straight line to Big Hogskin creek to a point south-west of Jim Kerr's, thence down Hogskin creek to Little River. Voting precinct Little River school house.

If any of the boundaries given are incorrect please notify the chairman at once.

Lebanon Club District.—Shall be composed of all of Magnolia township east of Little River and up the said river to the Seaboard Air Line railway, follow the S. A. Line to the county farm, follow public road to the Snake road, down the Snake road to D. A. Wardlaw's, thence a line west to south fork of Calhoun Creek, down the south fork of Calhoun creek to Calhoun Mills township line, thence northwest along Calhoun Mills township line to corner of Calhoun Mills and Magnolia township, thence southwest along Magnolia township to Little River. Voting precinct, Gilliam's Gin House.

W. N. Graydon, Chairman,  
County Executive Committee.  
T. P. Thomson, Secretary.

## PRISONER ESCAPES; SHERIFF SHOTS

Sunday morning Sheriff Lyon, who was sleeping in the jail, was awakened by a knock on his door by Mr. Watkins, of Oconee, who is serving a Federal jail sentence, and informed that a prisoner had escaped. All the prisoners were making a noise, and a negro servant who had been sent upstairs on his regular duties was yelling at the top of his voice.

Sheriff Lyon jumped out of the bed in his night clothes, and, as he reached the door of the jail, saw C. H. Blessing, recently committed for stealing, running at full speed a distance of about seventy-five yards away. The sheriff ran out into the street and called to Blessing to stop or he would shoot him, but Blessing of course kept on his way. Lyon chased him for perhaps fifty yards, and seeing that his prisoner was gaining on him, stopped and fired at a distance of about 85 yards, with a .38 S. & W. pistol.

Blessing ran on full half a mile, the sheriff chasing him the while, in his night clothes, right down Main Street. Finally Blessing began to slow up and the sheriff saw him drop over into a ditch. Immediately on getting in the ditch he crawled under some vines that left only a little of his back exposed. Sheriff Lyon came up on him and told him to come out, and Blessing said that he was shot through the heart.

The fact is, the ball had struck Blessing in the back just over the heart, but its course was turned by the shoulder-blade or some bone in that region and it had gone clear around his body and come out on the front near the heart.

The prisoner is not seriously wounded and is rapidly recovering.

Blessing has a brother who has lived here and is an excellent man. It would seem from the evidence charging C. H. Blessing with stealing that there is little or no doubt of his guilt; and the ease with which he got by the negro servant indicates that he may have been in the trap before.

## PROGRAM At The New Theatre This Week.

### Wednesday

"Lucile Love"—No. 5  
(Two Reels)

"How Green Saved His  
Wife"—Comedy.

### Thursday

"On the Chess-board of  
Fate"—(2 Reels)

"Papa's Boy"—Comedy

### Friday

"The Newlyweds' Di-  
lemma"—Comedy.

"A Million in Pearls"  
2 Reel Drama.

### Saturday

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3 Reel Drama

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Arrive Donalds	6:33 A. M.	Leave Anderson	9:45 P. M.
Arrive Honea Path	6:43 A. M.	Leave Belton	10:15 P. M.
Arrive Belton	7:00 A. M.	Leave Honea Path	10:31 P. M.
Arrive Anderson	7:35 A. M.	Leave Donalds	10:42 P. M.
Arrive Greenville	8:05 A. M.	Arrive Greenwood	11:20 P. M.
Arrive Spartanburg	9:20 A. M.	Arrive Atlanta	6:20 A. M.

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The examination for the award of vacant scholarships in Winthrop College and for the admission of new students will be held at the County Court House on FRIDAY, July 3, at 9 a. m. Applicants must not be less than sixteen years of age. When Scholarships are vacant after July 3 they will be awarded to those making the highest average at this examination, provided they meet the conditions governing the award. Applicants for Scholarships should write to President Johnson before the examination, for Scholarship examination blanks. Scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. The next session will open September 16, 1914. For further information and catalogue, address Pres. D. B. JOHNSON, Rock Hill, S. C.

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